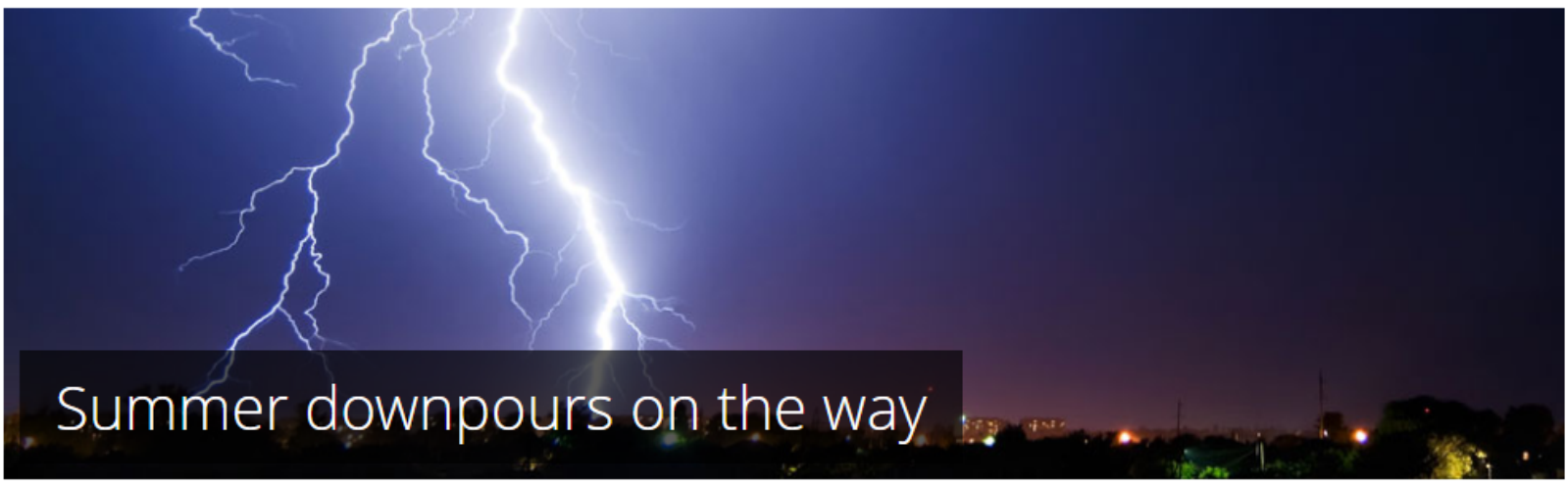


12 August 2015 - We can expect mixed fortunes in the weather over the rest of the working week as summer downpours return to most areas for a time

The weather later this week is presenting a challenge for our meteorologists.

We are continuing to monitor the evolving situation over the Bay of Biscay and are now beginning to see some thunderstorms developing over France.

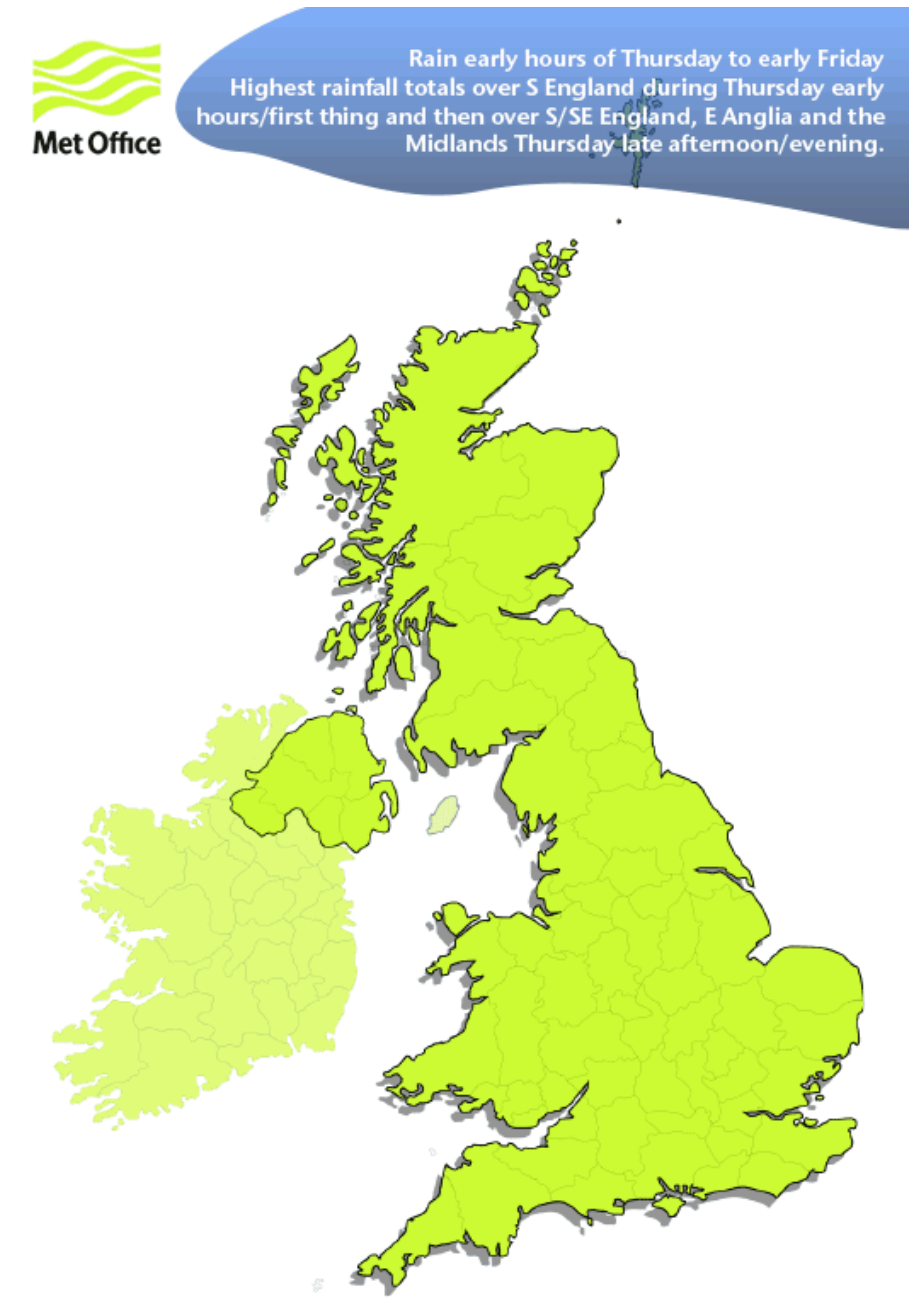
Over the next 24 hours we expect heavy rain and thunderstorms to increase in this area. This is due to increasingly warm air being drawn into the developing low pressure system. This area of more widespread heavy, thundery rain is then expected to move northwards crossing the English Channel and into southern parts of England during the early hours of Thursday.

These areas of heavy, thundery rain are expected to continue to spread northwards, affecting much of England and Wales at times through Thursday and into Friday. The rain may be torrential at times and there is also a risk of hail. On Friday the heavy rain is likely to also affect eastern parts of Scotland, although there is less risk of thunder here.

In this type of situation, whilst we can be confident that many will see some heavy rain, details of where thunder, lightning and the highest rainfall totals - and therefore the highest risk of disruption - is rather uncertain. However, we also expect most parts will see some dry weather between the spells of heavy rain, and so everyone should keep up to date with latest forecast for their location before heading out.

Malcolm Bell, Head of Visit Cornwall, said: "We would all love wall to wall sunny weather, but this week we had a stunning day on Saturday that matched the med and some great dry days with sunny afternoons and evenings to enjoy our beaches, outdoor attractions, gardens and countryside. So let's make the most of a couple of wet days as over the last two decades Cornwall has created or improved our all weather offer with amazing historic houses, family attractions, great museums and galleries or maybe it's a great day for wakeboarding, paddle boarding or surfing after all if you are going to get wet go the whole hog".

Met Office National Severe Weather Warnings have been issued and these will continue to be updated as confidence in where and when we will see the heaviest rainfall increases.


Met Office
Rain early hours of Thursday to early Friday
Highest rainfall totals over S England during Thursday early hours/first thing and then over S/SE England, E Anglia and the Midlands Thursday late afternoon/evening.

Impact of heavy rain by area - August 2015

Our meteorologists and advisors are working closely with our partners to keep everyone up to date with the latest forecast information so they can plan and prepare for the expected weather.

On a brighter note, as we head into the weekend we expect to see a gradual improvement in the weather from the west, with drier and brighter weather and some sunshine expected for most.

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